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Shingles!

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This is where we can suit any one, as we carry a FULL LINE of all grades—White Pine or Red Cedar—and AT PRICES THAT WILL SUIT.

La Crosse Lumber Company.

News and Comment

Christmas comes on Monday this year.

The Armstrong block has been treated to a new coat of paint.

Miss Hansard's for trimmed hats at cut prices for the next few weeks.

See Miss Hansard's elegant line of trimmed hats at special cut prices for the next few weeks.

For the next few weeks Miss Hansard, the popular milliner will offer special bargains in trimmed hats.

I. J. Sims, of Tompson, shipped 168 head of cattle to the St. Louis market last week. Mr. Sims is a hustling stockman.

Miss Annie Lupton, daughter of C. R. Lupton, of Mexico, knows how to use a gun. Last Thursday night a burglar was discovered on a one story kitchen endeavoring to enter her father's window. A crack from Miss Lupton's gun caused Mr. Burglar to flee for his life.

An Illinois paper gets off the following on a Missouri whiskey guzzler: One man has been found in this world who has a genuine reason for drinking whiskey. He lives near Blackburn, Saline Co., Mo., and thinks he has a turtle in his stomach; he drank it one time during the war out of a wayside pool. He says the turtle is now about four inches across, and often runs his head up his throat and nearly chokes him; he cannot starve it for if he does it bites him. He says it is very fond of whiskey and he dares not stop drinking because of it.

Auxvase Review: G. F. Rupert a returned Philippine soldier went through Auxvase a few days ago. He says the United States is good enough for him. He tells some startling stories about the insects in the Philippines. He says honey bees are as large as bumble bees here, and ants of all sorts and sizes abound everywhere; some so small that you have to use a magnifying glass to see them; others as large as our honey bees. Mr. Rupert's home is at California, Mo., and he is a brother to J. E. Rupert the accommodating brakeman on our passenger train.

This is on a Nebraska justice: A farmer in Riverside precinct threw his daughter's lover over a transom and was arrested by the victim. The justice decided the case as follows: "It appears that this young fellow was a courtin' the defendant's gal in defendant's parlor; that defendant intruded and threw plaintiff out into the cold heartless world. Courtin' is necessary, therefore the laws of Newbrasky will hold that no parent has a right in any room where courtin' is goin' on. Defendant is fined \$5 and cost, and he interferes ag'in in plaintiff's rights the court will fine him \$100 and give him thirty days work on the roads."

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Stock Bought and Sold.

Paris Appeal.

Bert Smith, near Santa Fe, sold 2 loads of cattle to J. D. Tully at \$5.25.

Pryor Dawson sold 12 cotton mules to a Georgia buyer at \$50 per head.

R. S. Smith delivered a bunch of hogs to Barker and Beaver, Sat. at \$3.50.

Jim Morehead sold four heifers and E. J. Wooleridge 3, Tuesday, at \$20 per head.

Brashears Bros., near Santa Fe, sold five yearling steers to J. R. Smiley last week. They averaged 982 lbs.

Dan and Jim Bryan, near Maud, sold a pair of light 3-year-old harness mares to Chas. Durbin recently for \$150.

Henry Luttrell, southwest of Paris, paid \$50 for a pair of fine Berkshire hogs this week. He bought them in Illinois.

Jim Barker sold 6 3-yr-old mules at \$75.50 per head and 2 cotton mules at \$40 per head Monday. He also paid \$60 per head for 8 mules 2s and 3s—all broke.

T. W. Ragsdale sold a yearling Shorthorn heifer to W. A. Grimes, Monday, for \$100, and a yearling bull to Gene Grimes for \$125. He bought a bull calf from W. A. Grimes for \$50.

Thos. W. Ragsdale sent 6 fine Shorthorn bulls to Columbia last week to be inoculated for Texas fever. They were sold to a Texas buyer and will now be in no danger from Texas fever.

Clarence Cutright bought a load of horses and a load of mules at Centralia last week. The mules cost him \$50 to \$65 and the horses \$16 to \$65. He bought eight mules from Jim Barker and 9 from Harve Dawson.

John Rudasil, of Long Branch, sold five yearling white face heifers to Wm. Mundy, Sat. at 4c. They averaged 740 lbs. Mr. Rudasil was once prejudiced against the Herefords but now says they are his favorites.

Uncle John Dye, well known in Audrain county, who has a great reputation as a hog melt weather prophet, killed a shoat the other day and the following is his prognostication as told in the Paris Appeal: "Expect a fair and open winter until Christmas. After that we be unto the man with a slim woodpile. I tremble and shiver at the thought of the last half of the winter. People make mistakes, but the hog melt is infallible. One year I predicted extreme cold for the first part of the winter and pleasant weather the last half. It turned out just the opposite. People ridiculed the hog melt and I was almost in despair when I discovered that the man who had brought me the melt handed me the wrong end. I read it backwards that was all. This time, however, I got the melt myself and know I got the ends right."

Public Ownership.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

There ought to be no question of the economical expediency of the municipal ownership of the filtering plant.

The Waterworks of St. Louis is well managed because there is no private interest involved looking for profit out of public work. The filter plant should not belong to a corporation always working for its own advantage and always tempted to corrupt the public service.

Besides, there are considerations of the plainest utility which are conclusive. The question of responsibility, as Mr. C. H. Ledlie points out, is sure to arise in case a private corporation takes the work.

Let the city take hold. The tendency is all against private management. St. Louis cannot afford to take a backward step.

Harry Cole of Mexico will embark in the hotel business at Janesville Minn.

Miss Hansard will make special cut rates on all trimmed hats for the next few weeks.

BOUND FOR MANILA.

Ernest Koch of Audrain Writes Back to a Friend.

Mr. James Myers, Rush Hill, Mo.

CAMP PRESIDIO, CAL., Nov. 17.—Will write you a few lines. I am in good health, and I hope you and all my old friends around Rush Hill are well and happy also.

I enlisted in Leavenworth Oct. 3, and serve till June 30th, 1901. Guess by the time this reaches you I will be on the waters for Manila.

Our camp is right on the bay. I was out to the coast this morning and as far as I could see there was nothing but water. Ours is Co. H, Reg. 40, U. S. V. The first battalion of the 40th Reg. went out on a skirmish drill. We shot 9000 rounds of ammunition. Our guns were red hot when we were told to quit. I can shoot 100 loads in four minutes.

They are teaching us to talk Spanish. I guess you are all reading in the papers about the war. There won't be any peace till the 40th Reg. gets out there; we will settle it; you will read all about it.

We are going just as soon as we can get off. The Tennessee boys came Sunday. They said they were 59 days on the ocean from Manila to Frisco. They used the Springfield rifle, we have the 1899 model—every one was made this year. All the new volunteers have the same guns as we.

I am not sick of my job so far. We get enough to eat—all but two days. During that time we only got half enough to eat. The captain heard about it, and he or the lieutenant comes down to the kitchen every day to see that we get enough. Our quartermaster and cooks began to cheat us; that's what was wrong. But things are all right now.

I like our officers the best kind. They don't care whether you salute them or not when you pass them.

I am going to have on shoulder straps before I return. It is now near sundown and we all have to get out and stand at parade rest while the bands play "The Star Spangled Banner."

Yours truly,
ERNEST KOCH.

Municipal Ownership.

Municipal ownership of waterworks, electric light plants, etc., is now being discussed by the newspapers throughout the country. Here are a few items taken from Appeal to Reason, published at Girard, Kansas:

Under private ownership of electric lights, Elyria, Ohio, population 10,000, pays \$75 per year per street arc. Coal per ton \$1.40.

Under city ownership Columbus, Indiana, population 10,000 pays \$59.42 for the same service including 5 percent interest and depreciation charge. Coal per ton \$1.69.

Under private ownership the citizens of Bessimer, Michigan, pay \$1.00 per month for incandescent electric lights.

Under public ownership the citizens of Stanton, Michigan, pay fifty cents for the same service.

The citizens of Greenville, Mich., believe in private ownership ideas and pay a corporation \$1.00 per month for each incandescent light they use. The company utilizes the water power.

People living in Marshall, Mich., practice city ownership and pay the municipality thirty-eight cents for the same service that Greenville citizens pay \$1.00 for. The city plant at Marshall is run by water power.

Citizens of Calaska, Mich., patronize a private company in purchasing electric lights and an incandescent light costs them \$2.50 per month.

At South Havana, Mich., the municipality owns the electric plant and furnishes the same service to citizens for thirty-five cents per lamp per month.

The electric light plant at Muckegon, Mich., is owned by a corporation which charges \$1.00 per month per incandescent light.

At Three Oakes, Mich., the city

owns the plant and charges thirty-five cents for the same service.

A private company furnishes consumers of electric lighting at Ironwood City, Mich., with incandescent lights at \$1.00 each month.

At Shelby, Mich., the city owns the plant and an incandescent light costs thirty cents per month. But then Ironwood people have money to throw at the birds.

Fairman, Mich., is served with electric lights by a corporation which charges twenty-five cents per incandescent light per month. That is the lowest charge made in the state by a private company.

Wyandotte, Mich., owns a municipal plant and furnishes incandescent lights at a cost of 16 2/3 cents per light per month. That is the lowest charge in the state made by either public or private plant. The public plants average 30.4 percent lower charges than the private ones do.

Paris Smallpox Situation.

Paris, the county seat of Monroe, is having a serious time fighting smallpox. The Appeal says:

Paris is again placed in an embarrassing position by another outbreak of smallpox among her negro population. The town is sorely tried but not cast down. No time and no expense will be spared to confine the disease to its present quarters and no attempt will be made to deceive anybody as to the true situation. To the vigilance of the authorities and the heavy outlay of time and money by the people of the town during the past few weeks, the county as well as the town owes protection from the disease. It has been a calamity to Paris, but our people have faced it bravely and fought it resolutely without outside aid. The Appeal feels that the town is entitled to the good will of the whole country at this time and we believe that the town will receive it. We do not ask for pity. We ask only for justice. We ask for our readers to turn a deaf ear to wild and untruthful reports and that they discourage any attempts that may be made to use our present misfortune to create any ill-feeling against the town. When you want to know the true situation telephone to some reputable citizen whose word is as good as his bond. There are scores of men in Paris who would not suppress nor misrepresent the true situation for the sake of a few paltry dollars. Paris has spent thousands of dollars and lost thousands more in trade in fighting the disease and the country as well as the town has been protected. Paris is entitled to some consideration and the Appeal believes she will receive it.

Poynter's Explanation.

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 23.—In reply to a request from an Eastern newspaper as to whether he meant in his Thanksgiving proclamation to invoke divine aid to prevent the United States from embracing imperialism, Governor Poynter

replied to-day that he did advise the people of Nebraska to pray for relief from the lust to power that has seized upon the advocates of a colonial policy and a large standing army.

He says that he believes the expressed determination to subjugate the Filipinos first and treat with them afterwards is the sure mark of the policy of an empire and not that of a republic.

He added that he believed that in the midst of Thanksgiving for past blessings it would be meet to pray to the God of Nations to save this one, founded on principles for the establishment of which he gave our fathers aid, from the rocks it is plunging upon.

An Audrain Boy.

Ralls County Times.

James Quisenberry, of Canton, made us a pleasant call last Tuesday. When we first knew this man he was the "devil" in the office of the Perry Enterprise. Now he is engaged in the work of saving souls, a Christian minister. Well, it is only a step from printer to preacher. The work is almost the same. Elder Quisenberry will probably be called to the pastorate of the Lick Creek church in the near future.

OLD MAN JESTER.

A Cellmate at New London Thinks He Will Go Free.

The Message clips the following letter from the Ralls County Record, written to that paper by one Maverick, a cellmate of old man Jesters:

"There are seven of us in here now, and the usual monotony was broken the 17th by Sheriff Jones and Clark bringing in grandpa Jester, and I doubt if any of us would have known Sheriff Clark from Mr. Jester, had not our big-hearted sheriff introduced us to him. We found in Mr. Jester a gentleman of culture and refinement, and we are doing all we can to make him as comfortable as possible. He talks with us and we find the moments pass more pleasantly since his arrival. Sheriff Jones and his wife often inquire how he is getting along and tell him if he wants anything to let them know. Mr. Jester speaks very highly of Sheriff Melson and Clark, but he says this is the best jail he has been in on account of the sanitary conditions. He appreciates the many calls he has received from the ladies and gentlemen of our county, and has a kind word with everyone that calls. "Sunday morning he went to his trunk and took the Christian Evangelist which he continued to read until visitors began to call. Any one observing the many callers could see they all sympathized with the old man who is being persecuted by parties who have millions of dollars behind them. We have never believed this old man guilty and feel satisfied when all the evidence is in that the jury won't be out long before this old man, now in his 82nd year, will be a free man. The papers have greatly misrepresented this old man, but he utters not a word against them nor his persecutors, relying on the Allwise Creator to deal with them when all of Adams race are called together to be tried for the deeds done in the body. He reads papers closely for clippings that have any bearing on his case, and would feel thankful for any clippings in regard to his case. Again thanking you for your papers, I am yours respectfully."

The Average Man.

Here's to the average man, he is the best fellow in the world. We all like great deeds, great learning and great riches, things that raise the people above the average in this world; but so many heroes are human, so many scholars are pedantic and so many rich are hard that one turns with relief back to the average man. He is restful. You don't have to do him honor though he deserves it. You know where to find him and how to take him, and you can depend on him. It's a great thing to be able to depend on some one in this world. Dependability is one of the chief virtues. Sometimes one wishes the average man would average a little higher, but even as he is, he is the greatest man going. He has done the world's work. All its good institutions and great inventions and most practical thoughts are his. We all pity or condemn people who fall very much below, and either worship or knock down the heads that pop very much above the average; it's a way the average man has. But then, in general, he is all right. All honor be to him. —California (Mo) Push.

Boy Fatally Injured.

SPRINGFIELD MO., Nov. 22.—James Dubuque, 11 years old, was fatally injured while engaged in a game of 'blackman' at one of the ward schools in this city to-day.

The accident is similar to the case of John Allen, who was killed in a game of foot ball in St. Louis. During the rush young Dubuque was run over by a crowd of boys and all piled up in a heap. When the crowd of young players got up they noticed that Dubuque did not move. He was carried into the house and a physician called, who found that he had sustained a concussion of the brain and pronounced his case hopeless.

THAT NEW RAILROAD.

To Pass Thru Mexico—Work Begun at the North End.

The Montgomery County Leader publishes the following interesting railroad news:

The St. Louis and Eldon railway supposed to have been dead, is now showing signs of life. Work on the north end in grading the road is said to be actually going on.

Thursday morning a crop of surveyors, about ten in number, began a permanent survey southwest of Americus, starting at a point near the old Autenreith place and running in a southeasterly direction down Modoc creek. The plan is to cross the river above Rhineland, extend on to Union, Franklin county and there to join the road already built out from St. Louis.

County Surveyor T. L. Cardwell left this morning to aid the surveyors in their work thru the county. George Cardwell is also helping them.

This road proposes running from Eldon, Mo., to St. Louis, thru the towns of Paris, Mexico, Williamsburg, Rhineland, etc.

There is a well-founded report in circulation that this road has secured ample funds to complete its constructions. The surveyors near Americus to-day are aiming to secure a new route from Williamsburg to the river.

The Great Presidential Campaign of 1900.

The politics of the great political parties are now being formed and the candidates discussed. The voice of the people as recorded by ballot at the approaching Presidential election will probably decide the policy of the nation for the next decade. Every citizen must study the great questions that are to come before the people. This can only be done thru the medium of a great newspaper. Now is the time, therefore, for every voter to subscribe for the best and most reliable newspaper obtainable: The Semi-Weekly Republic covers the whole field of political news. While it is Democratic, it publishes the news in regard to all political parties without prejudice. Its telegraphic and cable news service is superior to that of any other paper. Its paper for that large class of readers who cannot afford or do not have access to the daily papers.

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